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Group Art Unit: 2623

Examiner: M. Dastouri

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application and the following:

Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
A Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
No additional claim fee is required.
Additional fees are required as calculated and shown below:

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Total	22	minus	22	0	x \$9.00		x \$18.00	
Independent	6	minus	6	0	x \$40.00		x \$80.00	
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	A Petition for [] One; [] Two; []Three Month Extension of Time and the requisite fee is being filed concurrently herewith.					
	Other attachments:					
×	The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3735. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.					
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Respectfully submitted,

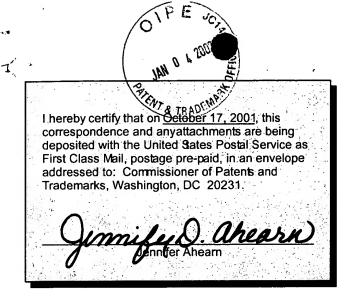
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 17, 2001, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows.